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Walla Walla District  
Corps of Engineers  
201 North Third Avenue  
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

ATTN: Lower Snake River Study

Lamb-Weston Inc. is submitting this letter in response to the Corps' request for comments on the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report.

Lamb-Weston Inc. is a major national and international frozen potato product food processor with its world headquarters located here in the Tri-Cities. We have several mid-Columbia region processing plants that employ approximately 3,000 people. Annually, Lamb-Weston Inc. processes over 8 billion pounds of potatoes. Lamb-Weston Inc. plants are extremely important to the local communities and our local and regional economies. Our plants and the growers from whom we buy potatoes are dependent upon the water and power provided by the various dams in the Columbia system.

For effective salmon recovery, Lamb-Weston Inc. believes we should work on improvement to fish passage technology for both juvenile and adult salmon; change hatchery practices to more closely mimic nature; research and review ocean and estuary conditions; relocate terns and cormorants so that they prey on fewer salmon smolts; and pursue alternative fish recovery options. No project to preserve or hopefully enhance existing salmon runs should be undertaken if the evidence is that it will be futile in light of uncontrollable natural phenomena or other manageable factors, and will have a devastating impact on the people of the region.

Lamb-Weston Inc. therefore, does not support dam breaching as a solution to restoring Columbia River salmon runs. This is an insupportable, drastic action that would devastate farm families, communities, and industries in this region. Even if the theory were correct, it cannot happen in time to save our salmon. Let's focus on salmon recovery and not damage both the environment and the people of the Northwest to no purpose.

Sincerely,

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